WHO reports on AIDS

1195. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent WHO reports on AIDS epidemic in India and to the news report which appeared in the National Herald dated the 27th September, 1991 under the caption 'ICMR warning thousands will die of AIDS';

(b) if so, what is the total number of AIDS patients detected so far and what is the number of HIV positive cases found from screening all over the country and also the details so far;

(c) whether Bombay, Madras and Manipur are the epi-centres for emanating AIDS to the rest of the country;

(d) whether Government have arranged special training for medical personnel, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) what is the projected number of AIDS virus infection by the turn of the country;

(f) whether Government propose to amend the Prevention or Immoral Traffic Act to curb this menace ; and

(g) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE) SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) As of 31st October, 1991, according to the reports available, 11,36,489 persons have been screened for HIV/antibodies, 6,106 persons have been detected to be sero-positive and 88 full blown cases of AIDS have been reported.

(c) Majority of sero-positive persons detected are from Bombay, Madras and the State of Manipur.

(d) Yes. The Government has arranged 13 Orientation Training workshop in clinical management of HIV infection and AIDS at 13 identified Medical Colleges in the country and in each workshop 20 doctors and 10 nurses have been trained by the Core Group of experts who have been trained abroad, i.e. in USA and Australia.

(e) There is no reliable estimate of the number of HIV infected persons in the country. Surveillance data indicate a prevalence of about 5 per thousand in Groups practising at risk behaviour.

(f) No.

(g) Does not arise.

Gastroenteritis, Kala Azar, Japanese Encephalitis

1196. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of cases of deaths in the country during the last one year and till date due to Gastroenteritis, Kala Azar and Japanese Encephalitis and the names of the States/Union Territories affected in this regard;

(b) whether any effective steps were taken to curb the growing menace of these diseases ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The number of deaths due to Gastroenteritis, Kala Azar and Japanese Encephalitis as reported by the State Health Authorities during the year 1990 and 1991 are as follows:

Year	Deaths		
	Gastroenteritis	Kala Azar	Japanese Encephalitis
1990	3915	606	1291
1991	9518 (Upto Aug./Sep, 91)	437 (Upto Aug./Sep. 91)	681 (Upto Aug./Sep. 91)